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## Prisoners fly high with second award for Qantas work

AN ALL-FEMALE team at the Darwin Correctional Centre has won a workforce performance award for the second consecutive year.

Sustainable Cabin Services runs the Qantas Headset Refurbishment Program, and has employed inmates at the Darwin prison for the past three years. The organisation also employs Alice Springs disabili-

ty enterprise Bindi Enterprises.

Darwin Correctional Centre senior industry officer Ruth Mellor said their supported employees were dedicated, loyal and took pride in their work. "Their contribution is valued and they in turn value their own work with pride and satisfaction," she said.

The Qantas Headset Refurbishment Program creates

structure, empowers people and enables a foundation for reform for the inmates at Darwin's facility.

The skills gained by the workers assists in their transition and contribution to mainstream societal living.

Sustainable Cabin Services Australian director Antony Loriman praised the Darwin facility and Bindi for their

exceptional service delivery, diligence and consistent high quality output.

"In our experience, and certainly with the Darwin Correctional Centre and Bindi, the highly regulated and accredited work environments advantage both us as a service provider and the people themselves in carrying out the work — conditioning a mindset for

high work ethics and transferable skills," said Antony.

Bindi Enterprises lifestyle solutions co-ordinator Cindy Walters said the program gave people confidence and provided a sense of achievement.

"Physically it assists with improving fine and gross motor skills, and cognitively builds on numeracy foundations," she said.